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SUBJECT: CCMS AD HOC MEETING: FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR HYDRO-
LOGICAL FORECASTS PILOT STUDY

1. REPRESENTATIVES AT THE JULY 3-4 CCMS AD HOC MEETING
EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A
PILOT STUDY ON HYDROLOGICAL FORECASTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES AND THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE (STUYCK-
TALLANDIER) AGREED TO CONVENE A MEETING OF EXPERTS IN EARLY
SEPTEMBER TO PREPARE A FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION
BY CCMS AT THE OCTOBER 78 PLENARY. (FYI: THE U.S. (WARD)
INDICATED IT COULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED BY A DEPARTMENT
OF INTERIOR EXPERT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.)

2. BELGIUM (PONCIN) AND THE FRG (KUPER) EXPRESSED A HIGH
LEVEL OF INTEREST AND BOTH INDICATED THEIR GOVERNMENTS
MIGHT SERVE AS CO-PILOTS. CANADA (HAY) AND NETHERLANDS
(ELZINGA) EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN THE PROJECT. THE
U.K. (DORMER) AND ITALY (CORTELLESA) ALSO EXPRESSED
SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT AND INDICATED THEIR EXPERTS WOULD
ATTEND A MEETING CALLED BY FRANCE. DUE TO POSSIBLE USE OF
REMOTE SENSING IN THE STUDY, ITALY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT
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THE EXPERTS MEETING MIGHT BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON REMOTE SENSING TECHNOLOGIES
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER IN PARIS.

3. SOME DELEGATIONS CALLED ATTENTION TO THE WORK BEING
DONE IN THIS GENERAL AREA BY UNESCO AND WMO. ALTHOUGH IT
WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT DID NOT

DUPLICATE ACTUAL WORK OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, FRANCE AGREED
TO INVITE UNESCO TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXPERTS
MEETING. BENNETT

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